Setting up of Central Government Industrial Tribunals and Labour Courts

3037. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set-up any new CGIT cum Labour Courts during the Ninth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases of industrial disputes are pending in the Labour Courts and the Central Government Industrial Tribunals; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by Government to settle these cases, expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) Yes, Sir. Five CGIT-cum-Labour Courts have been set up during the Ninth Five Year Plan.

(b) These CGIT-cum-Labour Courts are located at Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Lucknow and Nagpur.

(c) As on 31st December, 2002 there are 11,367 cases pending in different CGITs-cum-labour Courts.

(d) There are at present 17 CGIT-cum-Labour Courts functioning in different parts of the country. Five more such Labour Courts are being set up in Ahmedabad, Chandigarh, Delhi, Ernakulam, and Guwahati during the current financial year. A new scheme of adjudication of disputes through Lok-Adalats has been conceived as a Plan Scheme in the tenth plan. This is likely to reduce the pendency of disputes in CGIT-cum-Labour Courts.

Functioning of ITCs in Kerala

3038. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ITCs functioning in Kerala without permanent affiliation to the National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT), district-wise;